

Rapid River News!

June 9, 2008

From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

(Natural Resource related items)

- **Bear and Elk Tag Drawing Announced.** The drawing for the Bear and Elk tags for 2008 will be held July 9th at the Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served. See the **Currents** for further information or go to the Natural Resources website through www.lrboi.com.
- **Fishers meet the 11th.** The Tribal Commercial fishermen will be meeting with the Sport and Charter fishermen of Manistee to discuss some new marking ideas that will improve safety for all parties concerned this summer. Details will be in the next **Currents**.

(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **Meth Training at LRCR.** The Tribal Public Safety Department sponsored a two day *Meth Training Seminar* for local and regional law enforcement officials at the Three Fires Conference Center. Many departments took place. Director LaPorte said that one reason for the training was so that all law enforcement would have the same training and information and be more effective as a team.
- **Child Seats.** The Grants Department and Department of Public Safety are submitting a grant application to the BIA Indian Highway Safety Program under the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program. We would like to get an estimate as to how many seats to apply for so if you are interested please contact Marcella Luesby as 888-723-8288, ext. 6870 to express your interest. This program is open to tribal member parents and grandparents.

(Cultural related items)

- **Anishinaabe Future Leaders Camp.** The Inter-Tribal Council has announced the next AFL Camp for August 17-21 at Clear Lake, Shingleton, MI. For information and forms, go to www.itcml.org and click on Anishinaabe Future Leaders, then you can access forms and applications. Register now because the camp is limited to 40 participants.

(General area items)

- **Fall Membership Meeting.** Due to a scheduling conflict at the Casino/Resort, the Fall Membership Meeting has been moved back a week to September 27th. Please make sure that you make a note of this in your calendar.
- **Wellness Walk.** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians *Be-Da-Bin 7th Annual Wellness Walk* Wenesh pii: Saturday July 5, 2008. Aanni pish: Three Fires Conference Center (Bodweadamiih Room) Registration: opens 8:00 AM Walk: starts 9:00 am. Everyone Welcome!
- **Family Olympics.** Community Health Representatives and Be-Da-Bin Prevention Programs present the 21st Annual *Michigan Indian Family Olympics*. They are inviting tribal families to participate with the LRBOI Team. The 2008 games take place Friday, July 25th on the campus of Central Michigan Univer ity in Mt Pleasant, MI. Contact Deacon Wilson or Julie Wolfe at 1.888.382.8299 for more information.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Constitution Meeting.** On Saturday, June 7th, a special meeting to discuss LRBOI Constitutional changes took place at the Little River Casino Resort, Three Fires Conference Center.

The purpose of the meeting was to gather all of the information on proposed changes from the Tribal

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Council's draft, the Ogema's Board and the membership. The other purpose was to keep the momentum going and identify how best to move the initiative forward.

Representatives to represent the two membership proposals, Council members and the Ogema, discussed how to move forward. Discussion took place on the different ways the changes could be presented to the BIA. Membership voiced concerns of having more input. A group of members decided to put together a small group to address concerns. It was decided that meetings should be held fairly regularly, possibly bi-weekly, until the final draft is ready to be sent in for approval.

Tribal members are encouraged to continue to send in suggestions for changes to the Council or Ogema as we continue to work on this document.

- **Employee Team Building.** Groups of employees went through day-long activities designed to improve their teamwork and team building skills this last week. The events took place at the Gathering Grounds. They were served a catered box lunch from the Grounds Deli in Manistee (Tribal member owned business on Washington Street). In a very upbeat speech, Tribal Manager John D. Concannon addressed the group regarding the need for teamwork and respect for out tribal members and each other.

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.